



Oleander, 1903

A poisonous evergreen shrub of the genus *Nerium*, found in warm climates, especially *N. oleander*, bearing fragrant white, purple, or rose flowers.

Builder: Iowa Iron Works, Dubuque, Iowa

Length: 188' 6"

Beam: 34'

Draft: 7'

Displacement: 548 tons

Cost: \$60,000

Commissioned: 23 January 1903

Decommissioned: 23 April 1928

Disposition: Transferred to War Department, 1928

Machinery: 2 Baldwin-Vulclain horizontal compound steam engine; 2 Hopkinds combined tubular and water-tube coal-fired boilers; IHP 600; stern paddle wheel.

Performance & Endurance:

Max:

Cruising:

Deck Gear: Steam powered

Complement: 29 (1907)

Armament: None

History:

The first *Oleander* was a steam-powered, stern paddle wheel river tender with a steel hull and deck and wood upperworks. She was built by the Iowa Iron Works of Dubuque, Iowa, for use on the upper Mississippi River. She was commissioned on 23 January 1903. She was based out of St. Louis.

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